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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Tamai I.E. Karl

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 August 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2,3,6,7,10 and 12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,8,9 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Newly submitted claims 10 and 12 are directed to the non-elected invention and are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 4, 8, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Takeda et al. (Takeda)(GB 2289351). Takeda teaches a rotor provided with a rotor shaft bearing a commutator including a body 21 having an inner surface mounted on said shaft 17 and an opposing outer surface, and a reduction gearbox 11 containing a gearwheel engaged with a worm 24 of said shaft 17, and a magnetic ring 33 mounted on said shaft in order that a number of rotations of said shaft can be counted, and wherein said magnetic ring is attached on said outer surface of said body of said commutator 21. The magnet 33 is housed in an annular recess on the end of the commutator 21 that is free of hooks. Takeda teaches the magnet is fastened around the shaft by the collar 21, which inherently must include an attachment feature to "fasten" the magnet, collar, and shaft together.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeda et al. (Takeda)(GB 2289351) in further view of Knappe (US 5565721). Takeda teaches every aspect of the invention except an elastic clip to attach the magnet to the commutator. Knappe teaches an elastic clip 41 to secured the magnet 3 to the shaft 2 by the body 4 to secure the magnet without undue pressure and stress to the magnet (col. 2, line 25). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to construct the motor of Takeda with the magnet secured by an elastic clip to axially and tangentially secure the magnet to the shaft without undue pressure or stress on the magnet, as taught by Knappe.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 5 is allowed.

Reason for Allowance

7. The prior art does not teach a rotor provided with a rotor shaft bearing a commutator including a body having an inner surface mounted on said shaft and an opposing outer surface, and a reduction gearbox containing a gearwheel engaged with a worm of said shaft, and a magnetic ring mounted on said shaft in order that a number

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of rotations of said shaft can be counted, and wherein said magnetic ring elastically clipped onto annular extension and housed in an annular recess of the commutator, as recited by claim 5.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments filed 8/11/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The Applicant's argument that the magnetic ring is not mounted on the commutator is not persuasive. The applicant's claimed invention requires the commutator to include a body with the magnet mounted on an opposing surface of the body, which is clearly shown by the tubular body 21 of Takeada.

Conclusion

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

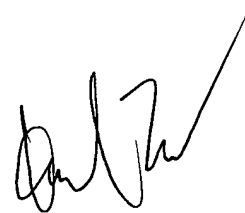
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10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karl I.E. Tamai whose telephone number is (571) 272 - 2036.

The examiner can be normally contacted on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Darren Schuberg, can be reached at (571) 272 - 2044. The facsimile number for the Group is (571) 273 - 8300.

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